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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q53891

Kaoru YAMAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/285,772

Group Art Unit: 2615

Confirmation No.: 4120

Examiner: FLETCHER, JAMES A.

Filed: April 05, 1999

For: DATA RECORDING MEDIUM, AND DATA REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAR 26 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

27. (New) An information recording medium, the recording medium comprising:
an audio zone including a substantive data, a first control data and a second control data
for reproducing the substantive data, an audio title set and an audio manager for managing the
audio title set, wherein the audio title set includes the substantive data and the first control data,
and wherein the second control data is recorded at a head of the audio zone;

the substantive data including a plurality of sets of information each to be reproduced
independently, the substantive data including audio data and being logically divided into one or a
plurality of tracks; wherein the first control data being required when reproducing the substantive

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Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	44	-	26	=	18	X	\$18.00	= \$324.00
Independent	11	-	6	=	5	X	\$84.00	= \$420.00
TOTAL								= \$744.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$744.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A

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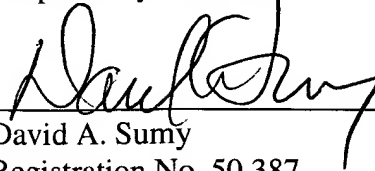


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Respectfully submitted,


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